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The ABS has recently released experimental estimates of changes in paid employee jobs and changes in wages in Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia. The estimates are compiled in near real time and published fortnightly, using Single Touch Payroll (STP) data provided to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) by businesses with STP-enabled payroll or accounting software each time the business runs its payroll.

This information provides complementary insights to the Labour Force statistics on employment. While changes in paid employee jobs can provide an indication of changes in how employed the population is, it is important to remember that the measures are different.

The table below highlights key differences that should be considered when comparing changes in paid employee jobs with changes in employment.

Table 1: Weekly payroll jobs and wages in Australia and Labour Force statistics

Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia		Labour Force statistics
Focus of the statistics	Paid employee jobs.	People.
Types of employment	Employee jobs for which a payment was reported to the ATO through STP.	All employed people, including: Employees (including Owner managers of incorporated enterprises); Owner managers of unincorporated enterprises; Contributing family workers. Non-employees (OMUEs and CFWs) account for around 9% of employed people.
Whether paid	Only includes employee jobs where the employee was paid.	Includes all employed people who were paid or who had a job but weren't paid (on unpaid leave, temporarily stood down without pay, etc).

**Weekly Payroll Jobs
and Wages in
Australia**

Labour Force statistics

Multiple job holding Each job is counted separately,
irrespective of whether it is worked by
a multiple job holder.

Around 6% of employed people are multiple job holders, particularly young people.

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